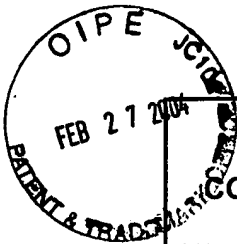


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# REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	09/499,401
Filing Date	Feb. 7, 2000
First Named Inventor	NII, Yukako
Group Art Unit	2174
Examiner Name	VU, Thanh T
Attorney Docket No.	49570 (70551)

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

## 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in fees, including any and all filing fees, petitions, extensions of time, and issue fees, concerning this communication or any other communication involving this application, or to credit any overpayment to Edwards & Angell, LLC Deposit Account No. 04-1105 under order No. 49570(70551)
- a. ☒ ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) \$770.00
- ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) To extend time from 1 month to 2 months See attached Petition \$310.00
- iii. ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time and Return Receipt Postcard
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,080.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Howard M. Gitten	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	32,138
Signature	<i>Howard M. Gitten</i>	Date	February 27, 2004

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